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SUBJECT: MBFR: HUNGARIAN PARTICIPATION ISSUE

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1. PLEASE CONVEY PERSONALLY TO DOUGLAS- HOME FOLLOWING
MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY IN RESPONSE TO FORMER' S
LETTER OF APRIL 19 (TEXT BELOW): BEGIN TEXT
DEAR ALEC:

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR LETTER OF APRIL 19. WE
ARE GRATEFUL INDEED FOR YOUR READINESS TO OPEN THE WAY TO
ALLIED CONSENSUS ON PROCEDURES FOR MBFR TALKS. WITH ALLIED
AGREEMENT IN HAND, I HOPE WE CAN BRING THE VIENNA TALKS TO
AN EARLY CONCLUSION WITH A PUBLIC STATEMENT SETTING THE
DATE AND PLACE FOR OPENING NEGOTIATIONS IN SEPTEMBER OR
OCTOBER.

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TO CIRCUMVENT OR UNDERMINE MBFR AGREEMENTS BY AUGMENTING
THEIR FORCES IN HUNGARY. TO THIS END, WE WILL JOIN FULLY
IN ALLIED EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE AGREEMENT WITH THE WARSAW
PACT PARTICIPANTS IN THE NEGOTIATIONS THEMSELVES ON PROVI-
SIONS DESIGNED TO PRECLUDE CIRCUMVENTION OF MBFR AGREEMENTS
REACHED. WITH REGARD TO HUNGARY'S INCLUSION IN THE CON-
STRAINTS AREA, I AGREE THAT THIS ISSUE SHOULD CONTINUE TO

BE KEPT OPEN.

I BELIEVE THE FOREGOING MEETS THE CONCERNS YOU
EXPRESSED, AND WANT TO AFFIRM AGAIN OUR INTEREST IN
THE FULLEST CONSULTATIONS WITH YOU AND OUR OTHER ALLIES
ON ALL ISSUES RELATED TO MBFR.

WITH WARMEST PERSONASUMABLY
FROM VER'S COMMAND) BUT HE ACKNOWLEDGED DESIRABILITY OF AN
ON-THE-SPOT SURVEY AND OF DIRECT DISCUSSION WITH PRINCETON
AUTHORITIES.

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